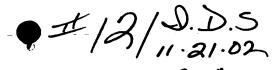
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Sir:

Further to the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, consideration of the references listed on the enclosed PTO-1449, copies of which are herein provided, is respectfully requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial each reference and sign and date the enclosed PTO-1449 and return it to the undersigned, by facsimile if desired, to ensure the references are printed on the face of the letters patent.

As this IDS is being filed with an RCE, no fee is due. See 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(4).

It is respectfully submitted that the IDS complies with all of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98.

Consideration of the enclosed references and prompt and favorable examination on the merits are respectfully submitted.

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